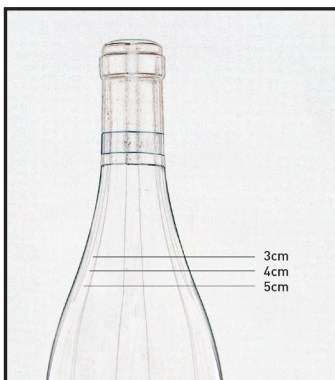
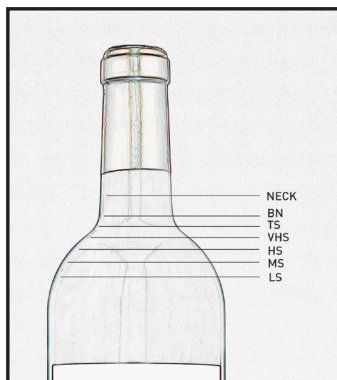


Ullage, Bottle Size Descriptions & Summary of Abbreviations Used in this Catalog

LEVELS OF WINE

For Bordeaux, Port and other wines in bottles with defined shoulders the extent of ullage (or wine level in the bottle) is described by its position in the bottle. Our policy is to note levels only when we feel that significant ullage has taken place since bottling. Our interpretations are as follows:



NECK

BN: Base neck

TS: Top shoulder

VHS: Very high shoulder

HS: High shoulder

MS: Mid shoulder

LS: Low shoulder

The normal level of young wines

Totally acceptable for any age of wine

Normal level for wines 15-20 years old

Typical for any wine of 20 years of age or older

Natural reduction through the cork, usually acceptable

Typically due to some deterioration of the cork and therefore some variation in overall condition of wine

Risky, usually not accepted for sale

For Burgundy, German and other wines in bottles with sloping necks the ullage is measured in centimeters from the base of the cork or capsule, whichever is lower.

BOTTLE SIZES

Half-bottle: 375 milliliters (ML)

Bottle: 750 milliliters (ML)

Magnum: 1.5 liters (L)

Double-magnum: 3 liters (L)

Jeroboam:* 5 liters (L), except when used to designate Burgundy or sparkling wine, in which case the contents are 3 liters (L)

Rehoboam: Same literage as a jeroboam, but in a bottle of different shape

Imperial: 6 liters (L)

Methuselah: Same literage as imperial, but in a bottle of different shape

Salmanazar: 9 liters (L)

Balthazar: 12 liters

Nebuchadnezzar: 12 to 16 liters (L)

Melchior: 18 liters (L)

Case: 12 standard bottles, 24 half-bottles or 6 magnums

* Please note that prior to 1978 Bordeaux wines bottled in jeroboams were typically 4.5L bottles

KEY: oc = original case • owc = original wooden case